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Shree Bahadur T. Ramalinga Chettiyar.

320. To reduce the allotment of Rs.47,37,500 for Education
Primary by Rs.100

(To discuss the Government Policy and the
new Bill proposed)

Law (Education) Department.

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The Hon'ble Member will apparently refer to the grant of subsidies for the opening of new elementary schools only to taluk boards which levy the education tax. He may also advocate the encouragement of private agencies engaged in the field of elementary education by increased grants-in-aid. As was explained at the meeting of the Legislative Council in October last, it is only the poorer taluk boards which have so far evinced a desire to levy the education tax in the areas under their jurisdiction. While the taluk boards in the districts of Anantapur, Kurnool and Ganjam are levying the education tax, only 2 out of 8 taluk boards in the Tanjore district are levying the education tax. The Government, however, are not unmindful of the need for the expansion of elementary education in the areas of taluk boards which are not levying the education tax. The question whether in these areas, private agencies may not be induced to open new elementary schools by more liberal grants-in-aid is under consideration. The D.P.I. has been asked to examine the question and submit his recommendations to Government. The Mission agencies have stated that, with the present rates of teaching grants, it is not possible for them to develop their activities in the field of elementary education. Most of the teacher-manager schools are ephemeral and cannot be relied on to combat the problem of illiteracy.

2. The principal features of the draft Elementary Education Bill under consideration are:-

- (i) District Educational Councils to be empowered to open new aided elementary schools through the agency of Village Panchayats or other prescribed agencies from the funds placed by the Government at their disposal for the purpose.
- (ii) Government to take power to direct the levy of the education tax in the areas of local bodies which decline to levy the tax. Such directions to issue only after giving the local body to put forth its objections, if any.
- (iii) Local bodies to contribute from their general funds to the elementary education funds under their control such amounts as may from time to time be prescribed by the Government. Although under the proviso to section 37 of the Ele. Education Act, the Government are bound to contribute the amount incurred from Provincial funds on elementary education in the year 1920-21, there is no such statutory obligation on the part of the local bodies.

The final form of the Bill has not yet been settled, and it is rather premature to make an announcement on the subject.

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The motion was not discussed. The notes may be

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